

The concert given by the Royal Hawaiian Band Tuesday night at the hotel was intended as a compliment to the foreign visitors now staying there. Among these are Governor and Mrs. Hale of Wyoming. Governor William Hale the present Governor of Wyoming Territory is an Iowa man, well known in the United States as an active politician in the Republican ranks. He was born in 1841 and practised law in Council Bluffs District for some twenty years. He served three terms in the Legislature of his State and was speaker of the Assembly during his last term of service. In 1868 the year of Grant's election to the Presidency he was an Elector for Iowa. In 1882 he was appointed by President Arthur to the office he now holds. His visit to the Hawaiian Islands has been induced by bad health which the voyage in the well appointed "Alamoda" and a few days residence in this equable climate have already done much to relieve. He is accompanied by Mrs. Hale and their eldest boy. He married in 1867 Miss Rounds of New York. Among the other visitors to whom the compliment of the evening was paid may be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lloyd of San Francisco, who with their daughter are staying at the hotel. Mr. Lloyd is an Englishman, but has for some years past been actively engaged in the grain and flour trade in California. By San Francisco newspapers he has been credited with dropping a cool quarter of a million during the past disastrous season on freights and on cargoes sent forward to the old world, a report in which all who know this genial gentleman will hope to find the spice of exaggeration which usually characterizes such statements. The band boys played well, and were several times applauded by the rather meagre audience. The showery evening prevented our own folks from turning out in the numbers usual on occasions when the band plays at the Hawaiian Hotel. The music always sounds better to the ear of a critic in the hotel grounds than at Emma Square. Perhaps it is only a feeling of enhanced comfort that gives rise to such an opinion.

The New York *Shipping List* is of opinion that there are too many lawyers in Congress. It states that it is seldom that a great merchant, manufacturer or business man of any kind finds his way into that body. The result is that they have a body of men legislating on questions about which they know next to nothing, and making confusion worse confounded. It is said that at least seventy-five per cent. of the men now holding seats in the Senate and House of Representatives are lawyers and professional politicians. So anomalous a condition of affairs exists in no other country with a representative parliamentary system. In Germany, in France, and in England, the lawyers as legislators are in a minority. The great landed, manufacturing and other interests are all represented. With the Americans, half-educated, ill-trained lawyers pass upon the great questions of commerce and trade, and decide for communities like New York questions of the most momentous importance. Fifty per cent. of the lawyers should be banished from the halls of the National Legislature. Their presence there is an evil and a menace to the best interests of the country.

In referring to the revenue for the past fiscal period, the Minister of Finance says in his report: "I have good reason for believing the imports were in excess of our requirements, and with the present decline in prices of our chief exports, which may continue for some time, will no doubt have a tendency to reduce to some extent our importations, and thereby lessen our revenue." This statement is very much in accord with the opinions that have already been set forth in the commercial articles published in the P. C. ADVERTISER.

As predicted by "Crowquill," the reporters' tables at the Legislature are crowded, there being no fewer than nine scribblers engaged in the service of the several newspapers, native and foreign. In 1880 there were three; in 1882 sometimes five and occasionally six, and this year nine. This is a formidable increase, and the public should, in consequence, expect to be furnished with the full particulars of the Legislative deliberations.

The estimated expenditure of the Hawaiian Treasury for the fiscal period to the end of March 31st, 1886 being now before the public, it shows the falsity of those reports that were circulated and even printed for the public (mis) information, setting forth that it was contemplated by the Government to call for \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000.

A gentleman stepped up to the counter at the Astor House the other day and asked for a telephone cigar. "What kind of a cigar is that?" inquired the unsuspicious proprietor. "One of the kind that you smoke in New York and they can smell in Brooklyn," was the answer.

The Hon. W. O. Smith does not approve of the law enacted in 1882 authorizing the appointment of District Justices by the respective Governors without the approval of the Justices of the Supreme Court. He proposes to introduce an act to repeal the present and re-enact the old law on this subject.

The present session is the eleventh biennial session of the Hawaiian Legislature.

On Monday last Mr. E. P. Adams held one of the largest land sales that he has ever had during his experience as auctioneer in this city. The Lunalilo lands comprised several suitable [House] lots and land suitable for sugar-growing and stock-raising situated on the several islands of the group. One piece of valuable real estate situated in the very heart of the city, and known as the Honolulu Hale, on which there at present stands the PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER office, the former store of J. W. Robertson & Co., and the premises occupied by Mr. W. K. Castle, found a purchaser in the Hawaiian Government for the sum of \$27,600. This lot together with six other valuable lots were sold by order of Her Majesty Queen Dowager Emma and Hon. Mrs. Bernice Pauahi Bishop. The prices obtained were good throughout, and prove that real estate is in no way depreciating in value. The following is a list of lots sold and the prices obtained:—

Mortgagee's sale—Lot 1, house lot in South Kona, with dwelling house and improvements thereon. 1 acre. H. Waterhouse, \$200.

Lot 2, a piece of land in South Kona. C. Hammer, \$110.

Lot 3, 50 acres land in South Kona. H. Waterhouse, \$450.

Also 96 acres in Keopuka, South Kona. H. Waterhouse, \$260.

Six and a half acres of land at Namoku in Hamakua, Hawaii, Honokaa Sugar Co. for \$1,450.

Land at Kalahiki, S. Kona. 3 63-100 acres. H. A. Widemann, \$175.

Lands at Makapala, Kohala, Hawaii: Lot 1, cane and pasture land. 4 46-100 acres. T. H. Davies, \$680.

Lot 11, kalo land and hillside near the railroad. 2 75-100 acres. Jas. Kaai, \$550.

Lot 3 withdrawn.

Lot 4, Mauka portion of Makapala, mostly woodland, 577 acres, C. F. Hart, \$3000.

Lands at Wailua, Molokai: Lot 1, Kalo patch, 12-100. C. Brown, \$10.

Lot 2, Kalo and Kula land, 12-100 acre. C. W. Clark, \$130.

Lot 3, Kalo and Kula land, 2 22-100 acres; S. K. Kapihe, \$350.

Lot 4, Kalo and Kula land 14 13-100 acres. C. Brown, \$60, and Lot 5, Kula land 18 4-100 acres, \$50.

Lot 6, mountain land, 323 92-100 acres. M. Green, \$175.

Lands at Kapahulu. Nine Lots situate on the beach east of Diamond Head. A. Kunnaka, \$2,520.

Lot 30, pasture land near Kapiolani Park, 32 92-100 acres, H. A. Widemann, \$295; Lot 31, ditto 21 90-100 acres, H. J. Agnew, \$250; Lot 32, ditto 32 92-100 acres, H. J. Agnew, \$680. Lot 33, ditto 54 50-100 acres, B. F. Dillingham, \$700; Lot 34, ditto 11 25-100 acres, S. Mahelona, \$175; Lot 35, ditto 31 50-100 acres, His Majesty, \$310; Lot 36, pasture including Diamond Head, 729 acres, His Majesty, \$3,300; Lot 37, pasture land east of Telegraph Station, 455 acres, W. E. Rowell, \$2,575; Lot 38, ditto west of Telegraph Station, 455 acres, B. F. Dillingham, \$1,625.

Lot 39, pasture land mauka of road, near Telegraph Station, 459 50-100 acres. Phillip Milton, \$4,600. Lot 40, Kapahulu sea fishery. A. Kunnaka, \$3,050.

Two lots at Kapahulu adjoining Kapiolani Park, 11 38-100 acres. H. A. Widemann \$51 per acre.

Sixteen lots of the island of Kaula, near the beach, in the Alupnaa of Waipouli. Various purchasers.

Lot 17, balance of above, comprising cane, Kula, pasture and forest land. Makee Sugar Co., \$15,300.

Anawailana, Honolulu, nearly one acre fenced and good house. M. S. Pereria, \$550.

Lot No. 1 of the real estate in Honolulu known as Honolulu Hale, was bought by the Hawaiian Government for \$27,600; Lot 2 by Hon. C. R. Bishop, \$5,800; Lot 3, Hon. Mrs. C. R. Bishop, \$5,200; Lot 4, Princess Like- like, \$3,575; Lot 5, Hon. Mrs. C. R. Bishop, \$725, and Lot 6, \$330; Lot 7, in Lahaina, Maui, \$400, W. M. Gibson.

The Legislative Assembly met at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. The business transacted was of the ordinary routine character. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and after they have been accepted the roll call of the members elect was read. Three of the Hon. Members of the House were then appointed to examine the credentials of those present. On motion of one of the members and by request of the President *pro tem*, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was invited to wait on the Assembly and administer the oath in the usual form, first to the newly-appointed Nobles and afterwards to the members by districts. The next measure was the nomination of President, and immediately followed by his election by ballot. The nomination and election of Vice-President came next and after that the election of Secretary. The election of Interpreter followed and devolved upon Mr. W. L. Wilcox. Next came the election of Sergeant-at-Arms. The position of Chaplain was next business decided upon and afterwards the election of Messenger. The other appointments were Translator and Janitor. According to the procedure of former years a committee was then appointed to draft.

The Summer Term of all Government schools begun last Monday.

An aspirant to poetic glory at present residing in Honolulu, is referred to in the columns of the caustic *Wasp* in the following terms:

"Round many a western island have I been Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold." wrote Keats in one of the noblest sonnets ever penned. I cannot help thinking that he ought to have been shown round the Hawaiian group by Mr. Ralph Smith, whose dainty verses used sometimes to mitigate the severity of this journal's seriousness, and who is now industriously assisting Mr. Charles Warren Stoddard to grow the bread-fruit of idleness in Honolulu. If Keats and Smith could have circumnavigated the Kalakaua archipelago and seen Bard Squires holding it in fealty to Apollo, they would have

"Looked at each other with a mild surmise," softly blaspheming in the artless and reverent manner that marks the true poet and distinguishes him from the mate of a steamboat. "O, I say, now, bai Jeove, ol' fellah," Keats would have remarked, his fine face all aglow with poetic fire, "cont ye show a better poet than this beastly cad, ye know?" And Smith, training his dreamy orbs upon the master's with a look warranted to draw tears from a last year's bird's-nest, would have murmured: "He be ———!"

It was news to the Legislative Assembly Wednesday to learn through the columns of a newspaper that the report of the Minister of the Interior had been presented to the House, and still further surprising to them to see it commented upon before it had reached the Honorable members. It is probable that the illness of the Minister has delayed its presentation, but that is no excuse for a breach of trust, or at least, displaying such a want of respect to the Assembly as to criticise it before it becomes public property.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTEL APRIL 25.—R Halstead, Wailua. April 26.—P d'Aurbach, M Mourier, France; Geo D Dornin, Mary A Dornin, Berkeley, Cal.; Q A Chase and wife, Oakland, Cal.; Dr Enders, Wailuku, Maui; P N Makee, Waihee, Maui; F M Butler, and H A Bridges, Hilo; H M Alexander, Haiku, Maui; Jas W Girvin, Wailuku, W J Brodie, Geo F Holmes, Kohala; A D Wilder, Oakland, Cal.; L J Lionarons, Kauai; Henry Cornwell, Waikapu; Chas J Hardy, Oakland, Cal.; A B Hewitt.

Our usual budget of Island Notes did not come to hand on Saturday last, probably owing to the quick return of the Kinau occupying the attention of our valued correspondents with their business correspondence. We learn, however, that there have been unusually heavy rains on all the Islands. The rains were literally washed out at Hilo and they did not even attempt to land at Kohala owing to the excessive rains.

The Alameda did not sail until 3 p.m., Thursday. This postponement was owing to the vessel's draught, which necessitated it being high water to enable her to pass out of the channel. She again carried away a full cargo of sugar, rice and bananas. Also a full complement of passengers.

The paragraph which reads, "William Moore, one of the two young men recently sentenced for breaking into the Keystone Saloon," is another instance of the (mis) use that is made of the dailies by the weekly condensers. Our advice to them is to copy such items *in full* and not in part, and thereby avoid such flagrant blunders as the one above referred to.

The Hon P. Kanea appeared on Saturday last in the Legislative Hall. He was dressed in his old uniform which is well-known to all old residents, and he wore the decorations with which he has been honored. This old gentleman is growing very feeble and having resigned the office of Noble of the Kingdom, he will probably not visit the Legislature with his accustomed regularity of old.

The list of Standing Committees to serve in the Legislative Assembly during the current term is published in our report of the Legislative proceedings, and will be found useful for reference, and in a convenient form for pasting in one's pocket book.

A Scriptural biography for the young, entitled "Joseph," (Vol. 2.) was picked up on King street opposite the Windsor restaurant on Monday afternoon. The owner can have the book on applying at the ADVERTISER office.

The two Chinese who have been on bail since December last on a charge of gaming in the Chinese theatre were on Tuesday acquitted by a jury. Mr. Russell and Mr. J. M. Davidson, appeared in their defense.

The entertainment of Messrs. Sherman's circus on Saturday night last was very thinly attended, no doubt owing to the entertainment not having been previously advertised in due time.

The consumption of kerosene oil has so increased of late that it has been deemed necessary to ask for an appropriation of \$7,000 for another kerosene store house.

The circus troupe gave their final performance in this city on Monday night, and sailed for California per S. S. Alameda.

For the sake of record, we present a summary of the Supreme Court proceedings up to date.

The Minister of the Interior is confined to his house with malarial fever.

The officers elected to serve during the current session of the Legislature are as follows:

Hon. Godfrey Rhodes, President.
Hon. L. Aholo, Vice President.
E. A. Pierce, Secretary.
W. L. Wilcox, Interpreter.
Sam Nowlein, Sergeant-at-Arms.
Rev. J. Waiaman, Chaplain.
J. D. Holt, Jr., Messenger.
Samuel Kuula, Janitor.

There was more than the usual excitement displayed on Monday at the Legislative Assembly during the election of officers. The votes for the Presidency were very close, 24 and 23, while for the Secretaryship there was a majority of 10.

That part of King Street that was damaged by the floods last week has been partly repaired and left in a disgraceful condition. It does not reflect to the credit of those concerned to leave the road in such a rough condition that is killing to horses and destructive to vehicles.

A few days ago, a Chinaman named Chuck Quai discovered some kerosene oil and other inflammable matter in his store on King St. near Kawaiahao Church, placed under the staircase apparently with the object of setting fire to the premises. No clue has been found to the would-be incendiary.

A map of Tonquin and the surrounding country was issued by the Hawaiian Chinese News Company with their last week's paper, and supplied gratis to their subscribers. This map is the work of a local artist and shows a spirit of enterprise on the part of the publishers.

Two inviolated members of Henry M Stanley's expedition on the Congo River have arrived at Madeira. It is their positive opinion that M. de Brazza, the leader of the French expedition, is dead, as at last accounts he was surrounded by hostile natives, who refused to allow his followers approach him.

A *petite belle*, to a young man from the country, first time in Paris: "Mon-sieur, will you lend me your arm and see me home?" "With pleasure Mademoiselle, you are afraid some one might accost you, perhaps."

A genius has invented an umbrella with a detachable handle, upon withdrawing which the ribs are automatically locked. Replacing it unlocks them, and no two handles fit the same umbrella. There is doubtless in prospect a future when it will not be worth while to steal a man's umbrella.

OPENING OF THE Legislative Assembly, SESSION—1884.

On Saturday the 26th April at twelve o'clock noon Pursuant to Royal Proclamation, the Session of the Legislative Assembly of 1884 was duly opened by His Majesty the King in person.

A few minutes before noon His Majesty, headed by six kahili-bearers and the Chamberlain, walked from the Palace towards Aliiolani Hale accompanied by His Excellency the Governor of Oahu and the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, followed by Col G. W. Macfarlane, Col. J. H. Boyd and Major Rosa, officers on His Majesty's staff. Closely following His Majesty and staff, was Her Royal Highness Princess Liliuokalani in an open barouche, accompanied by Mrs. C. R. Wilson and Miss Sophie Sheldon. The military under the command of Major R. Hoapili Baker, were drawn up on each side of the avenue leading to the main entrance of the Government House, the Royal Hawaiian Band being stationed in front of the statue lot.

Prior to the arrival of His Majesty, the foreign Ministers, Commissioners and Consuls were received with due honors and conducted to their allotted places in the Grand Hall by the ushers. The general public continued to flow in from all directions and long before the stated hour for the ceremony the Legislative Hall was well filled, the ladies being very numerous, all of whom waited patiently for this long anticipated opening of the Session of 1884. The varied, gay and rich dresses of the fair sex presented a scene that was delightful to behold. In addition to the numerous gathering within the Hall, the spacious balconies on the upper floor of the building were crowded with ladies and children, whilst the entire grounds and surrounding vicinity presented a joyous scene, composed of natives and foreigners, all eager to catch a sight of the grand pageantry.

A few minutes before 12 o'clock, the arrival of His Majesty was communicated to those within the Hall by the

band playing the National Anthem. As His Majesty passed by the troops, they presented arms. His Majesty's Ministers waited his arrival at the main entrance of the Hall and followed him into the ante-chamber adjoining the Legislative Hall. Meanwhile a royal salute was fired from the battery.

On entering the Legislative Hall, His Majesty was accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Liliuokalani, His Excellency Governor Dominis, Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, Hon. A. F. Judd, Chancellor of the Kingdom, and Hon. C. H. Judd, His Majesty's Chamberlain.

The arrangements within the Hall were perfect, and as the gentlemen and their ladies of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps arrived, they were conducted to the seats reserved for them. On the right of the dais were members of the Royal family and the ladies of His Majesty's Ministers. On the left, Hon. gentlemen on whom Royal orders had been conferred and their ladies. Immediately in front of the dais were His Majesty's Ministers. On their right the members of the Diplomatic Corps, and on their left the Judges of the Supreme Court. Behind the Ministers were the Nobles of the Kingdom, and behind them the Representatives. On the right of the Nobles and Representatives were members of the Privy Council, and next were members of the Consular Corps and their ladies, the general public being accommodated in the body of the Hall.

On His Majesty's ascending the dais, the whole Assembly rose, and remained standing whilst the Speech was delivered. On His Majesty's left were Her Royal Highness Princess Liliuokalani, His Excellency Governor Dominis and the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn.

His Majesty wore the full-dress uniform of a German Cavalry officer, and on his breast the insignia of the numerous decorations which have been conferred on him by the Emperors and Kings of European and Asiatic countries. The Princess Liliuokalani wore a full court dress, cardinal satin, passementerie trimmings, low neck, short sleeves, white lace; head trimmings, flowers. Diamond ornaments. Her Royal Highness was also decorated with the blue sash and insignia of the Royal Order of Kalakaua. His Excellency the Governor of Oahu wore the uniform of Commandant of the Military and bore his several orders.

Mrs. Charles T. Gulick wore a black velvet dress, white Brussels point lace. Court train, white tips. Diamond ornaments.

Mrs. J. M. Kapena wore an Ecru brocaded silk dress, white Spanish lace trimmings; Court train; head ornaments, flowers.

Mrs. Paul Neumann wore a blue silk dress, white lace trimmings, Court train. Diamond ornaments.

The ceremonies opened with solemn prayer by the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh. On the conclusion of the prayer, the Chamberlain handed to His Majesty a portfolio containing the Royal Speech. In a clear and audible tone, His Majesty read his address to the Nobles and Representatives in the Hawaiian first, and afterwards, in the English language.

The following is the English version of the Royal speech:

ROYAL SPEECH.

NOBLES AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Since the prorogation of the Legislative Assembly in 1882, My Kingdom has enjoyed a period of unprecedented prosperity—when industry and enterprise have met an ample reward, and all the material interests of the country have been largely developed, as shown in the reports of the Officers of My Government by a large and steady increase of production, exportation and revenue.

During the period that has elapsed, I have had to deplore the loss of two members of the Royal Family.—H. R. H. the late Princess Ruth Keelikolani, and H. R. H. the late Princess Victoria Kinoiki Kekaulike, the Governess of Hawaii.

I am happy to be able to give you assurances of My continued friendly relations with all the powers of the world.

The concurrence of many great powers, especially of the United